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1. (SBU) Post delivered reftel points to Volodymyr Domashlinets, Ukraine's CITES representative at the Ministry of Environmental Protection, on February 1. Domashlinets said Ukraine will support the U.S. proposals on sharks, corals, polar bears, and a snake trade. The Ministry of Environmental Protection awaits an opinion of the Institute of Zoology of the National Academy of Sciences to determine whether to support the U.S. bobcat proposal.

2. (SBU) Domashlinets (domashlinets@menr.gov.ua) said he will represent Ukraine's Ministry of Environmental Protection at the March 13-25 CITES COP-15. The participation of a representative from Ukraine's State Committee for Fisheries is still under consideration.

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